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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Albert Hofmann et al

Title: DEVICE FOR THE RECONDENSATION, BY MEANS OF A  
CRYOGENERATOR, OF LOW-BOILING GASES EVAPORATING FROM A  
LIQUID GAS CONTAINER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

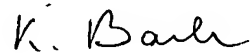
The references have been cited in the international Search report. None of the references was marked "X" as being pertinent with respect to the invention as claimed.

The references do not disclose that in a device for the re-condensation of low-boiling gases evaporating from a liquid gas container having a tubular neck in which a cold head of a cryo-generator is supported, the cold head includes a pulse tube with a heat exchanger and a cold area having an annular projection extending into an annular recess formed in a heat transfer ring mounted in the tubular neck in closely spaced relationship

with the walls of the annular recess so as to provide a gas passage therethrough and permitting relative axial movement between the cold head and the liquid gas container.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Bach'.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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		<b>4 570 678</b>	<b>02/18/86</b>	<b>Ziemek et al.</b>			
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		<b>3 670 772</b>	<b>06/20/72</b>	<b>Ziemek et al.</b>			
		<b>3 179 549</b>	<b>04/20/65</b>	<b>Strong et al.</b>			
		<b>5 584 184</b>	<b>12/17/96</b>	<b>Inaguchi et al.</b>			
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<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS ( Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>							
		<b>G. Popsecu et al. "A CRTICAL REVIEW OF PULSE TUBE CRYOGENERATOR RESEARCH", <i>Int. J. of Refrigeration</i> 24 (2001) pages 230 - 237.</b>					
		Chao Wang, "HELIUM LIQUEFACTION WITH A 4K PULSE TUBE CRYOCOOLER", <i>Cryogneics</i> 41 (2001) 491 - 496					
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